



EXPANDING JOB GROWTH FOR WORKING HOOSIERS

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Telecom Bill to Create 20,000 Hoosier Jobs

Thousands of jobs will be created in Indiana through legislation that will deregulate the state's telecommunications industry.

HB 1279 is being hailed as the best in the nation.

Immediately after passage, AT&T announced plans to invest \$250 million in new infrastructure and expand broadband access to 33 rural communities.

Broadband is considered the number one factor in the expansion of growth industries that are historically underrepresented in Indiana.

In addition to job growth, Hoosiers will also save more than \$131 million on their cable TV bills.

Mine Safety Training Available for Hoosiers

Mining safety is a continued concern for Governor Daniels and the Indiana Department of Labor. Efforts to keep this industry safe for all Hoosiers are underway in Indiana.

A Mine Rescue Unit was recently upgraded and federal grant money has been allocated to assist with continued education and maintenance.

Vincennes University will be offering a Miner Training Program allowing Hoosiers interested in the Mining industry to receive an Associates Degree in the field. These classes will become available in the fall of this year.

Letter from Gov. Daniels to Working Hoosiers

My friends,

Indiana is about to enter into boom times like never before.

Thanks to Major Moves and Telecom Reform, we are going to shatter records for transportation investment in fiscal 2007 with planned \$826 million spending on roads, bridges and highway projects. Indiana will set a new record again next year, and each year thereafter for the next ten years – spending \$1.5 billion in 2015.

This means steady work for your Hoosier brothers and sisters on the job for the next decade and beyond. It means jobs in factories, warehouses, and on the roads that Indiana will be building for years to come.

We couldn't have reached this tremendous turning point for our state without your support. Major Moves will create tens of thousands of construction and trade jobs in Indiana. We have millions of dollars to help with pre-apprentice and

apprenticeship programs. I hope you are ready, because the work is coming.

\$20 million interchange on I-65 at 109th Street. A high-speed limited access US 31 will break ground in St. Joseph and Marshall Counties in 2008.

Across the state, Indiana will invest nearly \$12 billion on hundreds of new road construction, preservation, resurfacing and other local projects. New construction spending will quadruple to \$874 million in 2015.

I hope you share my excitement about the new opportunities for jobs and steady work through Major Moves.

On behalf of a grateful state, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Hundreds of hard-working Hoosiers show their support for Governor Mitch Daniels' Major Moves Proposal that will create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs in Indiana.

Unemployment Rate Dropping

Indiana continues to report good news about its strengthening economy.

The number of employed Hoosiers in July 2006 was 3,066,100 compared with 3,034,300 in July 2005

Indiana has the lowest unemployment rate among its Midwest neighbors.

According to a recent article in Barron's, "If Indiana were a publicly traded company, its share price would be soaring."

"Buy Indiana" Providing Hoosier Jobs

More Hoosier companies and more Hoosier workers are benefiting from state government work since Governor Mitch Daniels took office.

The Governor signed an Executive Order implementing his "Buy Indiana" program on his first day in office.

From no system to a system of registration, measurement, and results - Buy Indiana is

putting more money in Hoosier's pockets.

Prior to 2005, 62% or less of Hoosier tax dollars were being spent with Indiana companies. The State spent a total of 74% of tax dollars with Hoosier companies last month, and that number is rising.

Indiana is putting Hoosiers to work by Buying Indiana on 86% of its active contracts in 2005.

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